

Morbidity Data

- The ***Age-Adjusted Cancer Incidence Rates*** for all cancer sites reveals Houston County is 6% lower than the region and 13% lower than the State. Cancer rates in the county for the nonwhite race are significantly lower than the Region and the State. This may be due to a very small number of nonwhite persons in the population. An examination of specific cancer sites using the age-adjusted incidence rates reveals the following:
 - The ***white male lung cancer*** incidence rate is 35% below the region and 42% below the State. The ***white female lung cancer*** incidence rate is 11% above the region and 12% above the State.
 - The ***prostate cancer*** incidence rate is 58% lower in Houston County as compared with the region and 62% lower than the State.
 - The ***female breast cancer*** incidence rate is 58% higher in the county as compared to the region and 48% higher than the State.
 - The ***colon cancer*** incidence rate is 12% higher in the county than the region and 5% higher than the State rate. The higher rates are accounted for in the ***white male*** group, which are 42% higher than the region and 32% higher than the State rate.
- ***Reportable Disease Rates*** available for the county include the following:
 - The ***incidence of Hepatitis B*** in the county is 36% higher than the State rate of 20.8 per 100,000 population. (There were two reported cases in 1994.)
 - The ***incidence of Salmonellosis Non-Typhoid*** in the county is 222% higher than the State rate of infection. (There were two reported cases in 1994.)
 - The ***incidence of Tuberculosis*** in the county (1993-1995) is 348% higher than the Region and 96% higher than the State rate. (There was an average of one case per year.) The county rate is 437% higher than the Year 2000 National Objective of 3.5 cases per 100,000 population.
 - The ***incidence of AIDS/HIV*** cases in the county is not reported, as the number is less than 5. The number and rate for the county are suppressed due to confidentiality. The majority of the AIDS/HIV cases in the State occurred in the four major metropolitan areas because of larger populations.
 - No cases were recorded in 1994 of ***Lyme Disease, Meningitis, Influenza, Hepatitis A, Non A Non B Hepatitis, Mumps, Measles, or Rubella.***
- ***Sexually Transmitted Disease Rates*** are serious problems in Metropolitan counties. Houston County rates are significantly lower than the State.
 - The ***incidence of Syphilis*** (1993-1995) is 84% lower than the State rate and 6% lower than the Year 2000 National Objective of 10.0 cases per 100,000 population.